
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

**PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR S-239 & S-391
S-654 AND S-172 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2021
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [51](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- MIDDLETOWN {LC396/1} (Prohibits the operation of through commercial vehicles on Turner Road in Middletown.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [172](#)

BY ~~Euer, DiPalma, Archambault, Pearson, Coyne, Sosnowski, Mendes~~

ENTITLED, ~~AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC536/1} (Creates a voluntary mechanism for municipalities to use to dedicate a park, conservation or other land they own as public trust land in perpetuity to protect and preserve its future use.)~~

~~02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government~~

~~03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/25/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [175](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS {LC1079/1} (Allows the town of Middletown to sell an abandoned highway or driftway to the abutting property owner making the abandonment request at fair market value.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [239](#)

BY Cano, Murray, Euer, Quezada, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1003/1} (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services with a lack of use sunset provision.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2021 Committee heard

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [391](#)

BY Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC1326/1} (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine and would make the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/13/2021 Meeting postponed

04/30/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/06/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [654](#)

~~**BY DiMario, Valverde, Kallman, Raptakis, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Mendes**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES --~~

~~ZONING ORDINANCES {LC2491/1} (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.)~~

~~03/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government~~

~~04/03/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~04/07/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [794](#)

(Department of Transportation)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC1651/1} (Authorizes the department of transportation to impose a weight restriction or close any state, local or privately-owned bridge, in the interest of public safety.)

04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/30/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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05/06/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [833 SUB A](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, F Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC1652/A/1}

04/23/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/30/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/05/2021 Proposed Substitute

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05/06/2021 Committee recommended indefinite postponement

05/06/2021 Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study

05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [881](#)

BY Lawson, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT {LC2742/1} (Includes East Providence in the Northern Rhode Island regional tourism district.)

05/07/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [899](#)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1427/1}

05/14/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5821](#)

BY Hawkins, Costantino, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1161/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/04/2021 Committee recommends passage

03/12/2021 Placed on House Calendar

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03/16/2021 House read and passed

04/08/2021 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6127](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL {LC2397/1} (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Bristol on November 3, 2020.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/25/2021 Committee recommends passage

03/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar

03/30/2021 House read and passed

04/08/2021 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [239 SUB A](#)

{LC1003/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [391 SUB A](#)

{LC1326/A/1}

The State House continues to be closed to the public at this time.

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to:
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*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [**VERBAL TESTIMONY**](#)

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.**

Robert Rebussini

Committee Clerk

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